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KTLA will most likely cover, thanks

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EXTERNAL EMAIL

Advisory -- September 11, 2018

Chatsworth Community to Observe the 10th Anniversary of Metrolink Train Disaster with Memorial Ceremony

Los Angeles City Councilmember Mitchell Englander will host a memorial ceremony for the victims of the Chatsworth Train Collision which occurred ten years ago on September 12, 2008. Attendees will include friends and families of the victims, representatives of emergency response agencies called to the scene, current and former elected officials, and civilian members of the broader community who offered assistance during the tragedy.

The crash between the Metrolink passenger train and a Union Pacific freight train was the deadliest in Metrolink's history resulting in the death of 25 individuals and 135 reported injured. Several hundred emergency response personnel were deployed to the scene from multiple agencies including LAPD, LAFD, LA County Fire, LA County Sheriff's Department, and California Highway Patrol. Civilians who lived near the crash site also came out of the safety of their homes to offer assistance. Local businesses and churches donated facilities and resources to aid emergency response efforts.

The aftermath of the crash resulted in the adoption of new safety measures as well as the passage of the Rail Safety Improvement Act of 2008 and the installation of Positive Train Control (PTC) systems on the majority of Metrolink owned railways.

Tomorrow's memorial will include a reading of the names of victims, a ringing of bells throughout the Chatsworth community at 4:22 PM, and an LAPD Missing Man Formation Flyover.

WHAT:
Chatsworth Train Collision Memorial Ceremony

WHEN:

Wednesday, September 12

Program begins promptly at 3:30 PM

WHERE:
Ride On Therapeutic Horsemanship
10860 Topanga Canyon Blvd.
Chatsworth, CA 91311

WHO:
Councilmember Mitchell Englander
Supervisor Peter C. Foy, Ventura
Mayor Bob Huber, Simi Valley
Mayor Pro Tempore Glen Becerra, Simi Valley
Assemblymember Dante Acosta

Assemblymember Tom Lackey

Hon. Antonio Villaraigosa
Hon. Dennis Zine
Hon. Richard Katz
Chief Omar Watson, California Highway Patrol
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